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Sirs

This email concerns the Microsoft Settlement: It is true that Microsoft has dominated the PC operating system for the past ten (10) years and has dictated to other software providers the how's, when's, where's and to what extent their product can interface with the windows operating system. However, by directing and setting an industry standard that allowed persons without extensive computer back ground to operate many different software programs. Because of this commonality (Microsoft Windows) that all other software providers had to adhere to the American Business Productivity has almost doubled. Every business decision taken by Microsoft has resulted in bring the world closer and more efficient.

There is soon coming a time where we will be able to talk to the computer vs. typing (like I am doing) information to the extent that the PC will be almost an artificial intelligent agent for us to utilize. Microsoft will have had it day and sail along into history, but not now!!!! The decision reach I feel is just and the Justice Department can far better utilize their assets than watch and hope to catch Microsoft with their pants down. We need an Industry Standard! and Microsoft is it. The findings from the Court of Appeals is tough but it also fair and good for America. Our foreign friends are waiting in the wings just hoping that we (USA) will weakin our completeive position by breaking up Microsoft.

Please hold to the latest decision and lets get America going again.

R.W. Howard